



# Wildcat Chat



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's Message

Greetings Amazing Families of WFA,

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter! We kick it off with a month filled with celebration of Black History and finding ways to show we care for one another – not just on Valentine's Day! We look forward to a successful 3rd quarter as we work together to become positive learners, friends, and leaders. Let's remember it takes a village to succeed. At WFA– every student matters and every moment counts and we will continue to develop, deliver, and promote excellence in all areas and for all students.

– Dr. Deasure Matthew, Principal



#### Valentine's Day Family Dance

Feb. 13 5 pm – 8 pm

#### February Recess

Feb. 17-21

#### CET Meeting

Feb. 25 2:15 pm

#### Valentine's Day Family Dance

Dinner

Music  Prizes

Thurs., Feb 13, 2020

5 pm - 8 pm

Tickets \$5 per person


Tickets must be purchased in advance


Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm


Dinner will be salad, bread and pasta! Followed by a candy/dessert buffet.


Questions? Call Ms. Bumphis the Parent Liaison 463-4100 ext. 4160


#### Counselor's Corner

 Marking Period 3 is Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>

 Please contact Mrs. Scissum to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference. 463-4100 Ext 2150  
Sherrolletta.scissum@rcsdk12.org

 Work Permits- ages 14 & 15 year olds by appointment only with Mrs. Scissum

 Parents it is that time of the year for 8<sup>th</sup> grade School of Choice applications To complete application, go to:  
[www.rcsdk12.org/register](http://www.rcsdk12.org/register).

 RCSD link - Parents can access their children's grades, assignments and other student – specific information. For assistance please contact  
RCSDlink@rcsdk12.org or call 262-

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**Study time** "A general rule of thumb among teachers is 10 minutes per grade level. This rule of thumb has been around for decades but gained legitimacy when a review by Harris Cooper of Duke University suggested that **10 minutes per grade level** really is the best practice."

### Girls in Stem Fair

Saturday, Feb. 22 @ 9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
This event is presented by College of Engineering Tech, Women in Tech RIT K12 University Center, and featuring RIT's many women in STEM

<https://forms.gle/B5W9wRSvvggR6Xjgf9>

## IB Learner Profile Trait of the month Risk-Takers

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.



## IB Book of the Month

*Narseen's Secret School: A True Story From Afghanistan*  
by Jeanette Winter

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

**PYP Grades k-6<sup>th</sup>** Our first-grade scholars recently completed studying change over time. They created personal time-lines of their life and had fun exploring how technology and transportation has changed over time. Our fourth grade scholars had fun looking at how cycles affect and connect with one another. They explored the phases of the moon, rotation of the earth and the water cycle. In art class they looked at national and state park landscapes and how each park was created or changed by the water cycle.

**MYP Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** Some of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade units have covered typing in technology class, colonial development to look at the founding of our nation, swimming in Physical education, and food in foreign language. Students in ELA are using the novel *Make Lemonade* to practice citing evidence as a key skill used in all disciplines and studying gravitational forces and planetary motion in Science. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have spent some of their unit learning time looking at historical industrial growth and development and how the United States began to explore a path to being a world leader, and also took part in typing instruction and swimming units to build skills that will be used in their lives outside of school. Students taking Spanish language have learned about health and body parts while Kiswahili is learning about leisure activities. Living environment students are learning about reproduction and development as the pursue high school credit.